

# MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ELEVENTH DAY.

Saturday, the 22nd June 1957.

The House met at the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

## MYSORE STAMP BILL, 1957.

*Introduction.*

SRI M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, I introduce the Mysore Stamp Bill, 1957, which has been published in the *Mysore Gazette* under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Mysore Stamp Bill, 1957, is introduced.

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## MYSORE IRRIGATION (LEVY OF BETTERMENT CONTRIBUTION AND WATER RATE) BILL, 1957.

*Introduction*

SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—I introduce the Mysore Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution and Water Rate) Bill, 1957, which has been published in the *Mysore Gazette* under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Mysore Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution and Water Rate) Bill, 1957, is introduced.

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## MYSORE SALES-TAX BILL, 1957.

*Motion to consider (continued).*

SRI V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—Sir, at the very outset I should like to welcome this Bill because the

Treasury Bench should not think that everything they bring would be opposed in *toto* or wholesale. As far as I can compare this Bill with other Bills, generally speaking, it is not such a bad thing after all. The policy which my party will be able to welcome is, milking the rich and not milking the poor. As far as possible our endeavour will be to lessen the burden of the poor and increase, as far as possible—I will not call it burden—the taxation on the rich. This criterion will be applied by me in judging how far this fulfils the ideal put before the country by the party in power, namely, creating a Socialistic Pattern of Society. At the very outset the good intentions of the Government will be judged not by what Bills they bring in but how they carry out the provisions under those Acts. Now, when I casually glanced through the Budget Memorandum, I found in Statement A, under 'item XIII Other Taxes and Duties' that Rs. 5 lakhs increased receipts under sales tax are assumed as arrears expected to be collected. From this what I can surmise is that there are arrears of sales tax to the tune of much more than five lakhs because from the reports we have, we understand that arrears of sales tax of the old Mysore Government are much more than Rs. 5 lakhs and if the reports—I am subject to correction are correct, some very very big guns have yet to pay tax due for several years.

MR. SPEAKER.—In fact we are concerned with the Sales Tax Bill.